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## Cavs down Duke, 72-63

No. 6 Virginia wins first ACC Tournament title since 1976, earns No. 1 NCAA seed

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GREENSBORO, N.C. — Tony Bennett had been asked so frequently by the media about Wally Walker that it had become a running joke. The Virginia coach was well aware that it had been nearly 40 years — 38, to be exact — since Walker's Cavaliers had won the ACC Tournament, and his team had the first opportunity to match the 1976 team's feat since their last ACC tournament appearance in 1994.

With all that pressure, it would

be understandable for top-seeded Virginia (28-6, 16-2 ACC) to slip up in their ACC final against third-seeded Duke (26-8, 13-5 ACC). But instead of shrinking from the pressure, Bennett's team performed as well as it has all season, beating the Blue Devils, 72-63, behind 23 points from sophomore guard Malcolm Brogdon.

As time wound down and the confetti fell at the Greensboro Coliseum, Bennett no longer had to joke about the comparisons to 1976 — history had repeated itself.

"That moment when you're on the floor, you see your wife, you see

your parents, you see the joy in these guys' eyes and hearts — that's as gratifying as anything," Bennett said. "I soak that up without a doubt. I gave thanks certainly for all that's happened, as I said, through the tough times, through the good times."

Bennett could not have asked for a better start from his team, as the Cavaliers answered an opening bucket from Duke sophomore forward Amile Jefferson with a 9-0 run, electrifying Virginia fans in at-

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## A tradition unlike any other

Back in Charlottesville, hours after the confetti was swept off the floor of the Greensboro Coliseum, it still doesn't feel real. The Virginia Cavaliers, 2014 ACC Tournament champions.

Arriving at the Coliseum Thursday for my first-ever ACC Tournament, I was skeptical. Relatively thin crowds during the early games begged the question, why is this tournament played in an outdated, middle-market venue?

Doesn't the ACC deserve the spotlight that accompanies playing in a big city like Atlanta, New York or Washington, D.C.?

There were two student newspaper seats in the back of the press section, one for the higher seed of each game and one for the lower. If your team wasn't playing, you had to duke it out for an open seat — if you were lucky enough to even spot one — or head to the break room to watch the game on TV.

But despite the understated arena and space constraints — or the lack of respect for The Cavalier Daily



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LEFT: Sophomore forward Anthony Gill, named to the All-Tournament second-team, cuts his piece of the net.

MIDDLE: Senior guard Joe Harris, the ACC Tournament MVP, dons his ACC Tournament Champions hat.

RIGHT: Sophomore guard Malcolm Brogdon, who led the Cavaliers against Duke with 23 points, lays the ball up over Duke senior guard Tyler Thornton.

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tendance. Virginia pushed the lead to 16-7 midway through the first half before the Blue Devils responded, going on a 9-1 run to cut the lead to 17-16.

Senior forward Akil Mitchell — who was named to the ACC All-Defensive team and finished second in ACC Defensive Player of the Year voting — led a stifling Virginia defense, which held Duke freshman star Jabari Parker to 1-for-9 shooting from the field early in the game. Parker would finish the half 2-for-10 from the floor for 8 points, but rarely saw good looks while Mitchell guarded him.

“With a guy like that, so aggressive and so skilled, you have to be more on your toes,” Mitchell said. “You’ve got to be a little bit more ready for the jump shot and the drive. So I just tried to be in two different places at one time. ... I felt like my teammates had my back and I just gave it my all.”

Brogdon led the way for the Cavaliers, scoring nine points on 3-for-7 shooting. A barrage of 3-pointers late

from both teams broke what had been a low-scoring game, but Virginia held on to enter the break up 28-25.

The second half was back and forth, as neither team was able to pull further than six points away from the other. Parker snapped out of his scoring woes in the second half, breaking out for 15 points — including a run of seven straight points midway through the period.

Mitchell was on the bench during Parker’s run, but after Duke went up 47-46, Bennett subbed him back in to try and respond.

“My teammates, they knew that I was capable of the job and they kept telling me to just do my best and then lock him up and the kind of stuff my team is supposed to do,” Mitchell said. “I just went out there and gave my best. You know, he missed a couple of contested shots and from there, I think I was able to frustrate him.”

Brogdon proved dangerous all afternoon, scoring 14 points of his own in the second half to match Parker’s total of 23 points. His teammates say his success in the team’s most impor-

tant game was a culmination of a season’s work.

“[Brogdon is] relentless, relentless,” sophomore guard Justin Anderson said. “The work that he’s put in, it’s totally fitting that he was able to do what he did this tournament, and do what he did this whole season leading us. ... It’s totally fitting and I’m just so happy for him.”

Virginia clung to a 59-57 lead with three minutes to play, but two quick scores gave the Cavaliers a 64-57 lead at the 2:00 mark and the Cavaliers were able to hold off the Blue Devils’ comeback attempt. Brogdon put the Cavaliers up 66-60 with 1:05 on the clock, and sunk six free throws down the stretch to clinch the win and the ACC title.

Senior guard Joe Harris finished with 15 points and was named the tournament MVP. He was joined on the All-Tournament first team by Brogdon, while Mitchell and sophomore forward Anthony Gill were honored on the All-Tournament second team. The understated Harris played down the achievement.

“I didn’t expect it or anything like that at all,” Harris said. “I was more concerned about trying to get the tournament championship. That was my main concern. All the individual stuff ... I don’t put much thought into it.”

The crowd thundered as the final seconds ticked off the clock and Virginia sealed the title. Cavalier fans came out in force for the game, and the players said they could feel the effect the crowd had on them.

“That was unbelievable, to have the support that we had,” Harris said. “We were kind of joking around when we came in, [saying] ‘Where are the Duke fans?’ All we could see was orange when we drove over here. It’s special to share it with the fans. They deserve it. The city of Charlottesville deserves an ACC tournament title. They’ve been extremely loyal and very supportive ever since I’ve gotten to the school here.”

Bennett said having the ACC trophy was special, but he was happier seeing his team play the way they did. For a team with its eyes on greater

success, the win was another step forward.

“I told these guys in the locker room just now, to me, the true joy is in how they played when the ball was tipped between the lines, how hard they played,” Bennett said. “How they defended, how they moved the ball and tried to outlast through the game. And that’s it. We’ll celebrate all this stuff later on, but that’s what I liked, and you want to play good ball now heading into the NCAA Tournament. So it’s great. For these guys, who have been through a lot, it’s a nice feeling for sure.”

Following their ACC Tournament championship Sunday, the Cavaliers earned a No. 1 seed in the East region of the NCAA Tournament. They will take on No. 16 seed and Big South Tournament winner Coastal Carolina (21-12, 11-5 Big South) in Raleigh, N.C. Friday. The winner of that game will face either No. 8 seed Memphis or No. 9 seed George Washington Sunday for a trip to the Sweet Sixteen at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

# BARTEE | Tradition looms large at Greensboro ACC Tournament

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and other student papers — this weekend was one of the most surreal weekends of my life. Leaving Charlottesville and any semblance of schoolwork behind, Greensboro was an escape to an entirely different world.

We witnessed the end of an era, as a last-second Boris Bojanovsky dunk broke a tie with Maryland and ended the Terps’ 61-year run with the conference they helped found.

Growing up a Maryland fan, I understand why they had to leave and why other ACC fans are happy to see them go. But it feels unnatural that suddenly all of the rivalries and rich history associated with the Terps — the only school not from the state of North Carolina to win a national title while a member of the ACC — is just gone.

Say what you want about Maryland fans, but no one can deny how thrilling the recent installments of Virginia-Maryland have been. I know time will make it better, but I also know that when I preach to my grandkids about how much better the sports were when I still had hair,

pre-realignment college conferences will be my go-to example.

What else made the tournament special? Fans, mascots, dancers, cheerleaders and band members from every school were present. It may not have been played at the Garden, but fanfare and traditions were on full display in the intimate environment.

Staying in the room next to the mascots in the hotel, it was hard not to laugh when I saw the Leprechaun stroll over to the elevator, or when they were going out one night, but had somehow lost “Syracuse” — no name, just “Syracuse.” Only in Greensboro.

Each team’s band would duel back and forth during breaks in play. Clemson’s near-upset of Duke was set to the tune of “Tiger Rag” — perhaps the best fight song in the entire conference. Florida State’s band filled the arena with the War Chant, while the Golden Girls led the crowd in “The Tomahawk Chop.”

Eager Virginia fans, who flocked to Greensboro in droves at the prospect of an ACC title, schooled the league on the University’s abbreviation. “U-V-A” chants were deafening at times, frequently overpowering opposing fans and even opposing

bands.

But my favorite tradition was late in Duke games when the Blue Devil band would play “Everytime We Touch.” In cult-like fashion, Duke fans young and old would rise to their feet, pumping their fists in the air with no semblance of shame. I was in seventh grade when the song first came out — more than eight years later, it still isn’t cool, Dookies.

Dickie V, the man whose passion for the sport leads him to don wigs while being mobbed in student sections, was on hand. Although I’m not his biggest fan — he’s a little too much of a Duke fan for my taste — it wouldn’t have been an ACC title bout without Vitale oozing enthusiasm on the call.

And after Syracuse’s premature exit at the hands of NC State, Mike Eilbacher and I seized a golden opportunity. Guessing that the two writers from the Syracuse Post-Standard would be long gone, we got to the Coliseum early and snagged their seats — midcourt, right behind Vitale.

We were three feet away from the man whose voice has become synonymous with college basketball, but ironically, we couldn’t even hear him while he was broadcasting. I’ll never

allow someone to criticize Dickie V for being a loudmouth again.

Watching him interact with fans and players who grew up listening to him, or were yet to grow up still, Vitale was — refreshingly — every bit as friendly and genuine as he comes across on TV. When he turned around and offered his hand for a shake, I couldn’t help but crack a smile that stretched behind my ears.

That hand also got Mike and me on ESPN. Normally when they would show the broadcasters, only our lower bodies would be in the frame. But Dickie V, always one for theatrics, threw his arms every which way, and as the camera zoomed out to catch his gesticulations, there we were.

It’s awfully hard to follow a basketball game when everyone you know is texting and tweeting at you to inform you about your appearance on national TV — and ask who you had to schmooze for those spots.

Still, it’s not just Vitale that made the experience special. Being that close to the court and having the ability to hear interactions between players, coaches and officials adds an entirely different element to the game — these people are more than just well-oiled entertainers, they’re

humans, subject to the same vices and emotions as the rest of us. I think that’s a point that is too often forgotten.

And of course there was the basketball. I watched Jabari Parker, one of the most impressive freshmen to grace college basketball during my lifetime and a lock NBA lottery pick, in what was most likely his last ACC game ever.

I saw titans of the game — Jim Boeheim, Roy Williams and Mike Krzyzewski — all fall.

But most of all, I saw a team that won 16 ACC regular season games yet was still somehow being knocked for an “uneven conference schedule” play arguably its best basketball of the year to win one of the biggest games in program history and cut down the nets after a 38-year drought.

London Perrantes prayed the night before the game, while Malcolm Brogdon remained even-keel, trusting that things would work out. Justin Anderson’s experience was more similar to my own.

“I couldn’t sleep,” Anderson said. “It was just on my mind — what can happen, what happens if we win, what happens if we lose? This is the greatest feeling, man.”



# No. 12 Wrestling places third at ACC Championships

*No. 16 Virginia Tech wins title running away, Sulzer, Butler win first career conference titles, seven Cavaliers receive NCAA Championship bids*

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The No. 12 Virginia wrestling team competed at the ACC Championships Saturday, March 8 in Blacksburg, Va. The Cavaliers (18-3, 5-1 ACC) placed third with 61.5 points, five-and-a-half behind second-place No. 10 Pittsburgh (13-3, 6-0 ACC). But No. 16 Virginia Tech (18-5, 4-2 ACC) stole the show — running away and claiming their second consecutive ACC title with 87 points.

Two Virginia wrestlers claimed individual titles: redshirt sophomore Blaise Butler won his two matches to emerge as the 157-pound champion and redshirt junior Nick Sulzer earned two victories and the top spot in the 165-pound bracket. Butler defeated an old high school rival in North Carolina State's junior Tommy Gantt and Sulzer cruised to an easy 7-1 victory against redshirt sophomore John Staudenmayer of North Carolina. Both wrestlers were number-one seeds.

Butler's season has come as a surprise to many — last year Butler was stuck behind 2013 All-American Jedd Moore for the 157 pound spot. However, his effort in 2014 greatly impressed the Virginia coaches.

"Blaise is the kid that does everything right," coach Steve Garland said. "He never shies away from competition, and is not afraid to do work. Blaise wants to win and work, and that is the difference."

Butler entered the weekend

knowing he'd have to maintain that level of performance if he was to walk away with a conference title.

"In the first match I wanted to wrestle hard for seven minutes to set the pace" Butler said. "I set myself up for success with the one

and Nye, seven Cavaliers received automatic bids to next week's NCAA Championships in Oklahoma City. Joining the quartet are redshirt junior Joe Spisak, redshirt junior Gus Sako and redshirt senior Jon Fausey. Virginia sent

but his performance took an unexpected path. The fourth seed at 141 pounds, he lost his first-round match against Maryland sophomore Shyheim Brown. Tar Heel junior Evan Henderson was Spisak's draw in the consolation semifinals.



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Top-seeded senior Nick Sulzer won a pair of matches at the ACC Championships to earn the 165-pound title and an automatic bid to the NCAA Championships.

seed, so I knew I had to do what I've done all season to get my bid to the national championship."

Redshirt senior Stephen Doty and redshirt sophomore Zach Nye also reached the final round of their respective weight classes. Doty, the second seed, lost in the final to redshirt junior Tyler Wilps of Pitt 7-2. Nye dropped a 10-6 decision to Hokie redshirt senior Chris Penny.

Including Butler, Sulzer, Doty,

nine wrestlers to the NCAA tournament last year, and genuinely expected to match or exceed that total.

"To say I'm disappointed would be an understatement," Garland said. "We have pretty high standards and wanted to get all ten through to nationals. We had a great regular season, and this doesn't take away from it. However, it still hurts."

Spisak was expected to qualify,

Spisak nearly pinned Henderson with an early throw, but Henderson fought free. Henderson would return the favor in the second period as he locked in a tight cradle and pinned Spisak. Then, in the fifth-place match, Brown forfeited and gifted Spisak the bid.

For a moment it appeared as if Sako's national championship dreams might not be realized. The number-one seed at 149 pounds, Sako was upset by Panther fresh-

man Mikey Racciato in the semifinals. Racciato was able to sneak a quick five points early in the match, and would finish the first period up four. Sako was able to draw to within two, but was unable to secure the final takedown from the Fabian-like Racciato. Sako then battled back with two wins in the consolation bracket to claim third-place.

Fausey took fourth-place in one of the toughest brackets. Fausey would bear the battle scars of the 184-pound bracket and end the day with a wrapped knee and several bandages on his head. In the semifinals Fausey fell 2-0 in his rematch with Maryland senior and number one wrestler in the nation Jimmy Sheptock. Sheptock scored the match's first point with a third-period escape, and his riding time advantage gave him his second point.

Fausey wrestled back to the consolation finals where he lost to Virginia Tech's redshirt senior Nick Vetterlein 8-7. The match was close all the way, and Fausey battled for a potential game-winning takedown until the final whistle.

Aided by their home fans, the Hokies had secured the team title midway through the championship round. This massive gap in the team standings was unexpected as ACC Championships are typical closely contested — five of the last six have been decided by fewer than 10 points.

"[Virginia] Tech wrestled fantastically," Garland said. "They deserve all the accolades thrown their way today."

Sophomore designated hitter John La Prise scored the game-winning run in the ninth inning of Saturday's second game. La Prise also went 3-for-4 in Friday's contest.



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## No. 5 Baseball sweeps Eagles

Saturday night, the Virginia baseball team captured the back end of a nearly eight-hour doubleheader to complete a three-game sweep of Boston College at Davenport Field. A day after defeating the Eagles (6-12, 0-6 ACC) by a seven-run margin, the No. 5 Cavaliers (15-3, 5-1 ACC) twice prevailed by one run in walk-off fashion.

The first game of Saturday's doubleheader, a 3-2 Virginia win, started at 1 p.m. and ended four hours later when junior Nick Howard knocked in sophomore right fielder Joe McCarthy in the bottom of the 12th inning. Howard, a two-way player, also shined on the mound, striking out five Eagles in two and a

third scoreless innings to pick up the win. Freshman right-hander Connor Jones shut down Boston College for four and a third innings of relief, lowering his season ERA to 1.23.

The second game — which the Cavaliers won, 2-1 — was a pitcher's duel as well, with sophomore left-hander Brandon Waddell and Eagles right-handed counterpart Jeff Burke each yielding one run in six and a third innings. Sophomore designated hitter John La Prise scored the game-winning run in the ninth inning when the Boston College defense splintered, making errors on consecutive plays.

La Prise was also instrumen-

tal in Friday's 8-1 win, an effort propelled by the bottom third of the Virginia lineup and another quality start from sophomore left-hander Nathan Kirby (5-0, 0.59 ERA). La Prise, batting ninth, went 3-for-4, as did junior catcher Nate Irving out of the seven spot. Junior third baseman Kenny Towns, batting eighth, finished 3-for-3 with three RBI. Kirby blanked Boston College for six and a third innings, allowing four hits and a walk.

The Cavaliers play Rutgers and Towson at home this Tuesday and Wednesday. First pitch for both games is set for 4 p.m.

-compiled by Matthew Morris



No. 47 sophomore Stephanie Nauta won singles matches against No. 6 North Carolina and No. 61 Maryland before falling for the first time this season at No. 12 Georgia.



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## No. 5 Women's tennis splits four

The No. 5 Virginia women's tennis team kept busy during Spring Break, battling four ranked opponents in matches at home and on the road.

After starting the weekend with a 5-2 loss to No. 6 North Carolina (13-3, 5-1 ACC), the Cavaliers (10-3, 4-1 ACC) rebounded to shut out then-No. 61 Maryland (5-6, 1-5 ACC). Virginia then split two away matches, falling to No. 12 Georgia (11-2, 4-0 SEC) before defeating No. 13 Michigan (8-3, 0-0 Big Ten).

The match against the Tar Heels featured several big matchups on the doubles and singles courts. Bouncing back from a loss at No. 2 doubles, ninth-ranked sophomore Julia Elbaba and freshman Rachel Pierson defeated fifth-ranked junior Caroline Price and sophomore Whitney Kay. A victory

at No. 3 gave the Cavaliers the doubles point and an early 1-0 lead.

However, sophomore Stephanie Nauta accounted for Virginia's only singles point, defeating No. 83 Kay 6-2, 6-2. North Carolina rattled off five straight singles victories to hand the Cavaliers their first conference loss of the season.

Virginia bounced back from Saturday's loss by shutting out Maryland the next day, 7-0. The Cavaliers exhibited a strong all-around performance against the Terrapins and Nauta defeated sophomore Nataliya Bredikhina 6-2, 2-6, 10-3 to remain undefeated on the season.

On the road, Virginia fell to Georgia in a close 4-3 match. After losing the doubles point, Pierson defeated No. 45 senior Lilly Kimbell, 6-1, 6-1, to even the score. The lead went back

and forth, boiling down to the final match at No. 6 where senior Li Xi fell to sophomore Mia King, 7-6, 6-2, to seal the Bulldogs win.

The Cavaliers then travelled to Ann Arbor, Mich. Friday, defeating the Wolverines, 5-2. After winning the doubles point, Michigan extended its lead to 2-0 when sophomore Amy Zhu defeated Epstein, 6-4, 6-2. A victory at No. 3 brought Virginia within one, and Elbaba defeated No. 7 junior Emina Bektas, 6-4, 6-3, to tie the match. Collins clinched the win for the Cavaliers while victories by Pierson and Xi also contributed to Michigan's defeat.

Virginia will return to the court to host new ACC opponents No. 25 Notre Dame and Pittsburgh March 21 and 23.

-compiled by Kristen Cauley

## Princeton women upset No. 6 Cavaliers, 15-13

Looking to put together its first win streak of the season, the No. 6 Virginia women's lacrosse team (3-5, 0-2 ACC) dropped a tough game to Princeton (2-3, 0-1 Ivy), 15-13.

After Princeton jumped out to a 2-0 lead, the Cavaliers responded with a 3-0 run in a 2:01 span. Princeton then answered with a 4-1 run to take a 6-4 advantage with 10:31 left in the first half. Although two consecutive Virginia goals tied the game at 6-6, Princeton capitalized off a Cavalier turnover to score with three seconds remaining to take the lead into the break.

Later, with the game tied at nine with 22:53 remaining, the Tigers broke out a 5-1 run to take a 14-10 lead with 5:35 left to play. The run lasted nearly 15 minutes, and the scoring drought doomed the Cavaliers.

Despite a late Virginia surge, Princeton prevailed for only its second victory of the season.

Junior midfielder Morgan Stephens and senior attacker Liza Blue paced the Cavalier offense, each scoring four goals. Virginia also picked up three goals and an assist from junior midfielder Courtney Swan, who continues to lead Virginia in points with 35 on the season — 11 more than her next teammate. Senior goalkeeper Liz Colgan managed just eight saves in the contest, five less than her season average. Princeton had six players score multiple goals and two players score five points.

Virginia will next face James Madison Wednesday at Klöckner Stadium. It will be Virginia's third consecutive game against an unranked opponent.

-compiled by Robert Elder



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Junior midfielder Courtney Swan scored three goals and an assist in Virginia's loss to Princeton. She leads the Cavaliers with 35 points on the year — 11 more than her next teammate.



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Senior attackman Mark Cockerton scored three goals and an assist Sunday against Notre Dame, but the Cavaliers fell 18-9 to the Irish in South Bend.

## Men's lacrosse drops two road games

No. 7 Men's lacrosse unbeaten streak ended

The No. 7 Virginia men's lacrosse team dropped its first two games of the season during the break, falling to No. 15 Cornell and No. 11 Notre Dame. The Cavaliers now sit at 6-2 overall and an even 1-1 in conference play.

Virginia began its road trip in Ithaca, N.Y. to take on Cornell. Early on, it seemed the Big Red (6-0) would be no match for Virginia as the Cavaliers jumped out to an 5-2 lead through most of the first half. However, the momentum severely shifted with just more than two minutes remaining in the second quarter, and the Big Red ripped off four unanswered goals to take a 6-5 lead into the break.

The Cornell run continued deep into the third quarter, with the Big Red scoring the first five goals of the period. The Cava-

liers were able to stop the bleeding when senior attackman Mark Cockerton pulled his team back to within five.

Virginia seemed poised to make a comeback when senior midfielder Pat Harbeson drew a three-minute non-releasable penalty. But the Cavaliers squandered the opportunity by committing two penalties of their own and were never able to cut the lead to less than three, ultimately falling 12-9.

Virginia looked to rebound against new conference foe Notre Dame (3-2, 2-0 ACC) Sunday, but was unable to overcome a series of runs from the Fighting Irish. The Cavaliers again jumped out to an early lead, with freshman attackman Zed Williams opening the game's scoring.

However, a goal by Notre Dame freshman Sergio Perkovic

with seven seconds remaining in the opening quarter sparked an 8-1 run for the Irish, leaving Virginia trailing, 8-3, going into half-time.

The Cavaliers responded strongly in the third quarter, scoring three goals to push the score to 9-6. Notre Dame squashed any hopes of a comeback in the fourth quarter, however, outscoring the Cavaliers 9-3 to put the game away 18-9. Cockerton again lead Virginia in scoring — notching his 19th career hat trick — but the 40 shots put up by the Irish were simply too much to overcome.

Virginia will look to snap its losing streak March 22, when second ranked Johns Hopkins comes to Charlottesville. Faceoff is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. at Klöckner Stadium.

-compiled by Ryan Taylor





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Last Wednesday brought increased tensions to the already heated debate about Medicaid expansion, as state Republicans and several local leaders called on Democrats to pass a budget and consider Medicaid expansion afterward. Democrats held Republicans were ignoring a good case for giving more Virginians health insurance.

The 2010 Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, required states to expand Medicaid, a health insurance program for low-income individuals. A 2012 United States Supreme Court ruling gave states the choice to expand or not expand Medicaid, and Virginia has, thus far, chosen not to do so. Gov. Terry McAuliffe, however, campaigned on expanding Medicaid and has been vocal about his desire to do so.

In a conference call Wednesday morning, Minority Leader Del. David Toscano, D-Charlottesville, Democratic Caucus Chair Del. Mark Sickles, D-Fairfax, and Democratic Caucus Vice Chair Del. Jennifer McClellan, D-Richmond, said Republicans have cost Virginia \$5 million per day in lost federal funding.

"This obstructionism has already cost \$355 million of our own federal tax dollars this year," McClellan said. "The House Republicans are continuing to put the tea party ideology first."

Toscano said Chambers of Commerce leaders, hospital executives statewide and other business leaders had come out in favor of Medicaid expansion.

"The House Republicans' response to this continues to be 'no,'" Toscano said. "We saw what happened when House Republicans in Washington said 'no.' ... 'No' is not

# State legislature Medicaid battle heats up

*Democrats seek massive expansion, tapping federal revenues; Republicans cite high cost, demand 'clean' budget bill*

a policy."

House Republican spokesperson Matthew Moran said Democrats are obstructing progress by holding up a budget to consider ACA issues after attacking Republicans for holding up the federal government's budget for ACA issues last fall.

"We think it's very hypocritical for [McAuliffe] now," Moran said. "They're the ones who are not going

infeasible, given the program's sizeable budget impact. According to the nonprofit Kaiser Family Foundation, Virginia's Medicaid spending was nearly \$7 billion in 2012, and the state paid 43 percent, or about \$3 billion, of that total.

"This is just another tactic for delay," Sickles said. "The governor and the Senate understand that [delay] is not an option."

"We're talking about 1.7 billion dollars a year that we're turning away," Sickles said.

Most newly eligible individuals are non-disabled parents and childless adults. ACA requires many adults in Virginia who make less than the federal poverty line — \$11,670 for a childless adult — to purchase health insurance. Without Medicaid expansion, they have no

the plan's cost. Those promoting private market-driven plans hope additional competition will drive down cost.

To implement a private market-driven plan, the state needs Kathleen Sebelius, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, to approve and sign an 1115 waiver. Sickles said the state needed to act quickly to start the program in 2015.

"It's going to take a while for the federal government to review it and approve of it," Sickles said. "We need to have a sense of urgency about this."

Moran said many Republican House and Senate members would have a difficult time passing a plan similar to the one in Arkansas. Moran said Sebelius has not approved a program to encourage employment through Medicaid and has not allowed states to require those receiving Medicaid to pay some of their own medical care costs. In addition, Moran said Sebelius wanted states to wait seven months before discontinuing Medicaid expansion if the federal government stops funding for the program in the future.

"I think our position on Medicaid expansion generally is that reforms should come first," Moran said. "We're certainly happy to look at anything that the governor wants to put forward. ... All we've seen is a 3-page concept paper."

Republicans want to see reforms of Virginia's current Medicaid program to drive down costs over time, Moran said. After those reforms, he said, Republicans would cautiously consider Medicaid expansion.

"We welcome the debate on whether or not Virginia should expand Obamacare," Moran said.

McClellan emphasized the human cost of inaction.

"What I would encourage the House Republicans to do ... is talk to the uninsured in their district," McClellan said. "I think they're expecting us to come up with some kind of solution."



Courtesy Richmond Times Dispatch

Lawmakers left the capital, above, in Richmond earlier this month without passing a budget bill or making a final decision about Medicaid expansion.

to do anything on the budget."

Republicans and local leaders have called on Democrats to separate Medicaid expansion from the normal budget process — with resolutions in Virginia Beach, Shenandoah County and New Kent County asking Democrats to separate the two issues. The chair of the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors also called for the separation. Moran said there was a sense of urgency from local officials.

"Local governments are already working on their budgets, and they kind of need it now," Moran said. "School boards are required to adopt a budget May 1."

Sickles said separating Medicaid from overall budget discussions was

Moran said the Democrats' Medicaid expansion proposal lacks details.

"The plan that the Senate has put forward ... is three pages," Moran said. "What you're talking about is a \$2 billion expansion of Medicaid. ... We're not going to hold up the entire budget over a three-page concept paper."

Toscano said Democrats are seeking a "Virginia way" to expand Medicaid. The Democrat-controlled Senate's current plan, called "Marketplace Virginia," would give subsidies to newly eligible individuals for health insurance through a private health insurer. The federal government will pay most of the cost to insure newly eligible individuals.

government subsidy to do so.

A family of four making between \$23,850 and \$95,400 already receives money from the federal government to purchase health insurance on this exchange, unless they get their insurance from their employer.

Marketplace Virginia is similar to a plan already in place in Arkansas, which requires newly eligible individuals to purchase insurance through the federal government's health insurance exchange, a website that allows people to shop for and compare health insurance plans.

Traditionally, Medicaid recipients have no choice in their state-mandated insurance plan, and the federal government and state share

## Commerce school accepts 239 applicants, defers 159

*Program denies 179 students; 577 applicants have 3.53 mean GPA, accepted students have 3.80 mean GPA, deferred students have 3.48, Leonard says*

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Associate Editor

The Commerce School completed its first round of admission decisions Friday, March 8. Of 577 University students who applied to the school, 239 were offered admission, 159 were deferred to de-

cision at the end of this semester and 179 were denied. The school estimates that 85 to 90 of the deferred students will ultimately be offered admission.

Rebecca Leonard, the associate dean for student services at the McIntire School, said these 239 admitted individuals do not represent the external, non-University transfer students, who will also

be offered admission.

"The University sets a target for the number of internal and external transfers to admit," Leonard said. "This year our targets were 311 internal transfer and 25 external transfers."

To determine which University students will be offered admission, four Commerce School faculty members read all the applications,

make individual assessments and convene as a group to make final decisions for each applicant. This is done in two rounds, and the decisions made before Spring Break only represent the first.

For students deferred to the second round, Leonard named a few options for maximizing chances of acceptance. Leonard said she encourages those de-

ferred to take advantage of a second opportunity to interview, the ability to write an additional essay and the chance to meet with an advisor in the Commerce School student services.

It's also important "to do well

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# Three University programs earn top 25 U.S. News honors

*Law drops to No. 8, Darden moves to No. 11, says other business comparisons matter, Curry ranks No. 22, achieves several program-specific ranks*

**Matt Comey**  
News Editor

U.S. News and World Report released its 2015 graduate school rankings last week, pegging several University programs as among the top in the nation.

The Darden School of Busi-

ness and the Law School were the highest ranked University schools, keeping in line with previous years' rankings. Darden moved up one spot from 2014, landing at No. 11, while the Law school dropped one spot for the No. 8 ranking.

Representatives from both schools, however, qualified the

rankings. Stephen Parr, the Law School's senior associate dean for administration, said in an email not to read too much into the one spot drop.

"We do not focus on year-to-year fluctuations in rankings, but instead on constantly improving the quality of teaching, research and service in the Law School," he said.

Sarah Neher, Darden's associate dean for admissions, said though the school was happy to move up a spot, U.S. News was only one of several rankings the school uses to benchmark itself against competition.

"What's different for business schools is that there are five [important] rankings, and U.S. News is just one of them," Neher said. "When we put the five together it tells us something about how we compare."

Neher said that Darden is more focused on high quality teaching than other top-ranked institutions are, and that U.S. News does not take into account teaching as much as other rankings.

"As long as we feel like we're the best teaching school, we're fine being 11," she said. "But in the Economist we're number 4 in the world ... [and] they use a lot of teaching metrics."

The University also fared well in education program rankings, with the Curry School standing at No. 22 — the same ranking as last year.

Within the education school category, the Curry School ranked in the top 10 nationally in educational administration and supervision, elementary teacher education, secondary teacher education and special education — three of which were improvements from last year.

"[The ranking] reflects the exceptional quality of our faculty and students," Curry Dean Robert Pianta said in a University press release. "And our doctoral programs overall are among the top three public universities in terms of competitiveness for admission."

The Medical School ranked No. 26 in research and No. 29 in primary care, while the Engi-

neering School rounded out University schools ranked this year at No. 40. Within the Engineering School, four programs place in the top 30 — industrial/manufacturing/systems at No. 25, aerospace at No. 28, materials at No. 29 and biomedical at No. 30.

The magazine also ranked several science programs within the Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, with physics at No. 44, chemistry at No. 49, biological sciences at No. 50 and mathematics at No. 52.

Other graduate school programs, like nursing and public policy, are not annually ranked by the magazine and were not included this year. The Nursing School currently sits at No. 15, while the Batten School sits at No. 46 based on previous years' data.

According to the U.S. News press release accompanying the rankings, schools are "evaluated on standardized test scores of newly enrolled students, opinions from experts on each program's quality, acceptance rates and other criteria."



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The Darden School, above, moved up one spot in the U.S. News and World Report rankings of top graduate programs in business to No. 11 from No. 12.

# Virginia legislature greenlights several mental health measures

*House, Senate pass numerous bills unanimously, recognize short-term changes to emergency policy, long-term institutional fixes needed*

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News Writers

Following the November tragedy in which Gus Deeds, son of Sen. Creigh Deeds, D-Charlottesville, stabbed his father before committing suicide, both the House and the Senate have proposed bills to prevent future incidents. The measures garnered broad, bipartisan support in a series of votes before the legislature left for recess earlier this month.

Deeds proposed SB 260, versions of which passed in the Senate and House unanimously March 8. The bill sets new regulations for the creation of a psychiatric bed registry and the ability to detain mentally ill people for 24 hours instead of six.

Lawmakers introduced similar legislation in the House. HB 478, which also passed both houses unanimously, called for extending the emergency custody period for those whose mental health is suffering from four to eight hours. The bill also required enforcement officers to give people who are in custody a write up of standard procedures and regulations regarding their detention.

The bill also proposed a "Bed of Last Resorts," which requires a bed to be found for someone who needs the help, said Del. T. Monty Mason, D-Williamsburg.

"In the Deeds situation, law enforcement couldn't find a bed, so he had to be released," Mason said. "We won't be releasing someone who needs the help but no bed can be found."

The bill also changes who is responsible for certain issues involving mental health and law enforcement.

"Right now detention of those in need is an extraordinary burden on local law enforcement," Mason said. "So we need to relieve some of the pressure off of them."

Mason said there is room in the budget proposed by Republicans in the House of Delegates for 17 additional house facilities to treat patients.

"Unfortunately, a lot of mental health patients end up in jail because a bed cannot be found, so they are not getting proper care," Mason said. "These additional beds will get patients the help they need and will help relieve the burden from state police."

HB 293, introduced by Del. Rob Bell, R-Albemarle, and also passed unanimously, guarantees care from

a state facility for an individual receiving a temporary detention order, unless an alternate facility is willing to provide temporary detention.

"This means that there will always a bed [for those who need treatment]," Bell said.

Similarly, HB 1232 requires the Department of Behavioral Health and Development Services to set up a psychiatric bed registry, in which each hospital must keep up-to-date records on their bed availability.

Other measures that have already passed one or both parts of the legislature include the requirement for additional training for clinicians to know how to find a bed, making it easier to transfer from one hospital to the next, and lengthening the temporary detention order from 48 to 72 hours, Bell said.

Support for these bills in both the Senate and the House has not only come in light of the Deeds case.

Recent studies, one by the University released in 2013, have "indicated that this was not a unique problem," Bell said. "The evidence that this has happened before with the specific incident of what happened with Senator Deeds [made

these bills prominent now]."

In the future, Mason said, the measures and standards put into place need to be monitored to make sure they are executed and politicians need to stay on top of reforms to gauge effectiveness.

"It takes big stories, like the Deeds case, to garner public support," Mason said. "We need to focus on this as a long term need instead of just a temporary concern."

Bell agreed these measures are only a starting point in working toward long-term goals.

"Our goal this time was to be really focused on the emergency provision of care," he said. "I think the bigger picture issues would be to try to address more of these issues before they become so acute. If you can do that, it decreases the need for some of the acute care."

Bell said the next step would be to provide community and voluntary help for people before they hit rock bottom.

The bills followed a committee set-up by then-Gov. Bob McDonnell last fall to study the issue.



After Gus Deeds, the son of Creigh Deeds, left, stabbed his father and shot himself, the Virginia state legislature advanced several mental health measures before legislative session ended last week.



# DNC launches anti-voter ID law campaign, opposes VA rule

*'With elections so close and the potential for fraud so large, election outcomes can hinge on whether ... all ballots ... cast are legitimate,' Finocchio says*

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Senior Writer

The Democratic National Committee launched a new campaign against voter ID laws last Tuesday. Though the campaign focused on North Carolina, Florida and Pennsylvania, Democratic officials also expressed concern with Virginia's 2013 voter ID law.

In May of 2013, then-Gov. Bob

McDonnell, a Republican, signed a change in the Virginia Voter ID Law. Starting in July 2014, voters must present a valid photo ID at their polling place in order to cast their vote on a regular ballot. Prior to last year, all changes in Virginia voter ID rules required approval from the federal Department of Justice as part of the 1965 Voting Rights Act. The Supreme Court struck down part of the law in the 2013 case *Shelby v. Holder*, so Virginia laws no longer require

approval.

DNC spokesperson Ian Smalls said the law was taking the state in the wrong direction.

"There was a different version of the law on the books in 2012 that worked very well," Smalls said. "We didn't see any horror stories coming from that election."

The new voter ID law requires voters to present a valid, government-issued photo ID, such as a driver's license, when coming to vote. Under the previous law, voters could show a document, such as a utility bill or a bank statement, which proved the voter lived at their address.

Smalls said Gov. Terry McAuliffe, a Democrat, is opposed to the voter ID law as well.

GOP leaders support the law because it reduces risk of voter fraud at the polls, which has affected Virginia elections in the past, said College Republicans Chair Peter Finocchio, a fourth-year College student.

"Opponents of voter ID laws claim that voter fraud does not happen, but there is clear evidence that voter fraud is a very real problem, even here in the Commonwealth," Finocchio said in an email.

Clark Mercer, chief of staff for Lt. Governor Ralph Northam, said Northam does not support the changes to the voter ID law.

"The law is a solution in search of a problem," Mercer said. "[Northam]

is concerned about the law's effect on older and minority voters."

According to Mercer, Northam doubts that the state legislature will pass changes to the law before the Fall 2014 elections.

"It's unlikely for the law to have session again, so [Northam] wants to ensure that voters are educated about the changes that the law is imposing," Mercer said.

Center for Politics spokesperson Geoffrey Skelley said the law will inevitably cause at least one voter to encounter issues casting their ballot.

"Academic research has shown that poor and nonwhite voters are less likely to have some form of photo identification, so these groups seem more likely to be among those who have trouble," Skelley said in an email.

Estimating voter fraud rates is a notoriously difficult task. News21, a student journalist organization headquartered at Arizona State University, found 2,068 cases of alleged voter fraud since 2000 — 35 in Virginia. A 2005 commission, co-chaired by Jimmy Carter and James A. Baker, III, which recommended requiring photo ID laws, found that "[w]hile election fraud is difficult to measure, it occurs." The report cited 180 federal investigations of voter fraud between October 2002 and September 2005.

"The [Democratic Party] has

always believed that we are stronger as a nation when more people are involved in the process," DNC spokesperson Brad Woodhouse said. "We've never solved problems in our nation with less democracy."

Finocchio said the law has protections against voter disenfranchisement for lawful voters.

"Virginia's Voter ID Law makes a free state-issued photo ID readily available to those who do not possess a Virginia drivers license," Finocchio said. "This is not a poll tax. With elections so close and the potential for fraud so large, election outcomes can hinge on whether or not all ballots being cast are legitimate."

DNC officials have expressed concern that the GOP implemented the law in order to lower voter turnout among poor and minority groups most likely to vote for Democratic candidates.

In the only statewide contest next year, Sen. Mark Warner, a Democrat, will face re-election. Skelley said Warner is currently favored to win.

"Warner is favored to retain his seat, though that could change if the national climate for Democrats worsens a fair amount between now and November," Skelley said. "But each statewide race is different and depends on many factors, such as the national environment, the president's approval rating, and the quality of each party's nominee."



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Alumni Hall, above, is one of the stations University students frequently use when voting in Virginia state elections. The DNC is opposed to Virginia's current voting laws, which will require a photo ID.

## COMMERCE | Admissions committee does not examine in-state status

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in spring semester," Leonard said, but the admission committee hopes to see more than that.

The average cumulative GPA of the applicants to the McIntire School was 3.53, and the average of the accepted student body was 3.80. The average cumulative GPA of deferred students was 3.48. Though McIntire has access to applicants' SAT scores, they are not given much weight in decision making.

"We're more focused on what students have done in the two years at the University," Leonard said.

In addition to academic success at the University, Leonard stressed the importance of extracurricular involvement and work or volunteer experience.

The school seeks students who not only succeed academically, but also have a high degree of involvement and leadership in outside commitments.

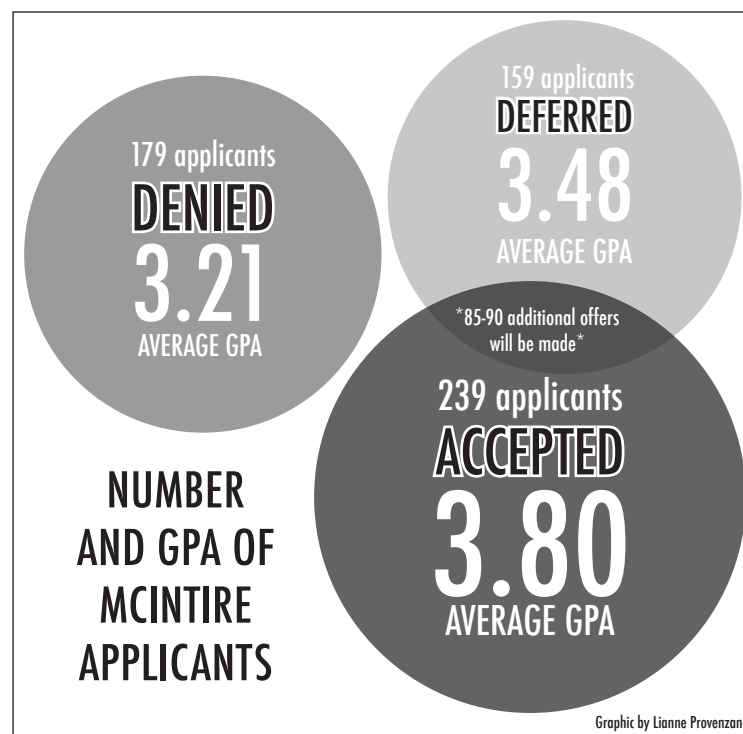
"We are more impressed by students who accomplish things, rather than those who are just members attending meetings," Leonard said. "Too often students go into this process thinking 'what does the committee want to see,' but what we want to see is something that we've never seen before."

The admissions committee does not look at in-state versus out-of-state status, and the University does not require a certain percentage of the accepted students be in-state status. However, the University does require that the Commerce School offer admission at a much higher rate to University students than to external transfers.

Transfer students, in addition to having fewer available spots, face a much different admission process. They apply using the common app and are selected separately from internal students.

The yield rate, or the number of accepted students who ultimately attend the school, for these students also differs from University transfer students. Though the historical yield among University applicants is "typically 98 or 99 percent," Leonard said the yield among external transfer students is lower.

Leonard said external transfer students are more likely to be in a position similar to students applying to college for the first time, and are likely to apply to five or six different schools. University students who are applying to the Commerce School, however, tend to be more set in their decision, she said.



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## Epilepsy groups advocate marijuana

*Researchers test cannabis-derived drugs' ability to treat seizures, DEA Schedule I status makes analysis difficult*

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Staff Writer



Courtesy Lisa Smith

Extract of Charlotte's Web, a strain of marijuana, can be used to treat seizures.

Haley Smith, age 13, suffers from Dravet syndrome, a severe form of myoclonic epilepsy often resistant to drugs. Haley, who lives with her mother Lisa Smith in Virginia, was five months old when she had her first seizure. Lisa Smith said she believes medical marijuana can bring her daughter some relief.

Epilepsy is a neurological disorder characterized by episodes of altered brain activity commonly referred to as seizures. Outward expression ranges from mild-absence seizures, where the person appears absent in thought, to sudden, short periods of lost consciousness, and wild thrashing movements known as tonic-clonic seizures.

Treatments for epilepsy rely on a cocktail of anti-seizure medications. Haley is on three pharmaceutical drugs and has a vagus nerve stimulator. This machine sends electrical impulses through the vagus nerve to Haley's brain. For Haley, these op-

tions have proved ineffective.

"We had 101 [seizures] in January," Smith said. "We had only 50 in February. ... We were told on February 17th that there [are] no other choices for her. I mean, we're not happy with the control we have right now."

Haley is not alone — more than one million of the 2.3 million American epileptics suffer from uncontrollable seizures.

On Feb. 20, the Epileptic Society of Virginia issued a public statement calling for increased research into the application of medical marijuana for the treatment of epilepsy.

Then, on Feb. 28, the American Epilepsy Society also came out in support of "well-controlled studies" into the use of medical marijuana.

Dr. Jomar Cunha published the last major human trial of marijuana as an anti-epileptic in 1981. His paper followed a sample size of only 15 participants suffering from secondary generalized epilepsy, the occurrence of seizures spreading throughout the brain from a localized area,

resistant to known drugs. Seven of eight participants receiving the anti-epileptic component cannabidiol reported improvement in symptoms. Only one of seven controls reported improvement in symptoms.

Dr. Maria Roberta Cilio intends to reinvigorate investigations into the therapeutic potential of medical marijuana. Her new study at the University of California San Francisco will explore the effects of the drug Epidiolex, a purified cannabinoid, over the course of one year in epileptic patients.

Charlotte's Web, originally called the "Hippie's Disappointment," is a variant of marijuana high in CBD but low in the psychoactive component, tetrahydrocannabinol. This variant was renamed for Charlotte Figi, another child suffering from Dravet syndrome. Lisa Smith heard about the potential of this treatment through Charlotte's mother, Paige Figi.

The Controlled Substances Act of 1970 placed marijuana as a schedule I drug, a substance with "no cur-

rently accepted medical use and a high potential for abuse," according to the Drug Enforcement Agency. In order to perform clinical research on marijuana, researchers must obtain a DEA license, gain FDA approval on the study and receive marijuana samples through the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

Lisa Smith said she believes this classification needs to change.

"The reason it got to schedule I comes down to greed and money," she said. "If people are able to grow their own medicines [the pharmaceutical companies] are going to lose money."

Pew and Gallup research polls from 2013 show 52 and 58 percent of U.S. citizens, respectively, were in favor of the complete legalization of marijuana.

More research is needed to determine if medical marijuana offers any therapeutic applications for epilepsy. With the growing push for legalization, it may not be long before researchers at the University begin to answer this question.

## A day in the life of a future doctor

*Jon Pomeranec, vice president of the Mulholland Society, answers questions about U.Va. Medical School*

**Damini Namana**  
Staff Writer

Jon Pomeranec has attended the Medical School since 2011. He is one of two vice presidents for the Mulholland Society, a Medical School student government organization. He has coordinated the "Big Sibs" program and set up mentor families for medical students, as well as arranged volunteer efforts and developed a fundraising committee. He serves as a student liaison between the medical and nursing schools.

**What made you decide to go to medical school to become a physician?**

Growing up, all I wanted was to go to medical school, but I was pushed into investment banking. I worked for Lehman Brothers until they went bankrupt, forcing me to step back and look at what I wanted to do. I felt a calling to help people and to serve, dedicate and commit myself to a life-long learning process. I was drawn to not only the science background, but also the humanistic aspect of medicine. Especially now, going forward, medicine is an extremely integrated field that draws from many academic

disciplines. I wanted this opportunity to not only challenge myself but also to develop a greater diversity of perspectives.

**What field are you most interested in?**

I am planning on going into neurosurgery.

**Why?**

Neuroscience is a field that lends itself to innovation and is something that we are using new technologies and research to really understand. I think the depth of neuroscience is infinite. Within it lies the opportunity to more thoroughly understand what makes us human.

**Are some fields more competitive than others?**

Typically, the surgical specialties tend to be more competitive just by virtue of them being smaller programs with smaller numbers of spots. Fields such as dermatology and radiology have also become more competitive based on the advancement of technologies.

**How many people are in your current class?**

My class has 156 students, which is about middle-of-the-road in

terms of class size.

**Is the environment among your class more cooperative or competitive?**

Neither. It is collaborative. There is a strong push here to chip away



Courtesy Jon Pomeranec

from the typical model. We have a huge shared learning resource that we all contribute to.

**How much of the learning is team-based and how much is individual?**

It varies by year. The first two years focus on individual understanding of material, but there are case-based problem sets that encourage working together, as well

as anatomy labs, dissections, clinical sessions with patients and inter-professional workshops with the Nursing School. The third and fourth years are entirely clinical and hands-on. We progressively develop the feel for working with other people towards a common goal.

**Have you made sacrifices to get to where you are now?**

Absolutely. I've sacrificed a lot of personal time. I had to move from New York where all my family and friends were and start a new chapter of my life down here. It took a lot just get here, but I've begun to understand putting other people's needs before my own. At the end of the day, the most important part is learning how to make time for all of the things that you need to and want to do.

**What are the most difficult parts of being a medical student, in general?**

The hardest part is learning how to deal with stress. We aren't just students. We are people with varied interests. It is hard to balance the time commitment and the amount of work we have to put in with doing things we like to do. If something is a priority to me, I make time for it.

We really have to keep this sense of perspective to stay grounded.

**Can you pinpoint any difficulties with the actual learning process?**

The continual challenge is keeping up with all of the up-to-date, clinically relevant information and learning how to take what I've learned thus far and apply it in a clinically relevant way that will most benefit my patients.

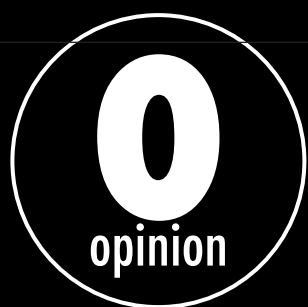
**What would you consider to be the most rewarding part of this experience?**

It is the opportunity to be involved in patient care. We deal with complete strangers who literally open themselves up to us. It is a privilege to work with an academic team and provide patient care in a way that can impact a patient's life.

**How has your experience as a whole been so far?**

It has been a very positive experience. I've been amazed at how much I've learned in such a short amount of time. It is the proverbial drinking from the fire hose; you think that you can't really retain or grasp it all, but looking back at how everything consolidates makes all of the hard work seem worthwhile.





## Comment of the day

“As a fairly level-headed Republican, it saddens and frustrates me to see my party heading down this path. I don’t disagree with the message of this article, but I wish that the author and others would look around and see those who want bipartisan change; we still exist on the right. Just because the so-called leaders of our party want nothing but to win, there are some of us who would rather see a government that works effectively.”

“Right-Leaning Moderate” on Ben Rudgley’s March 7 column “Republican obstructionism.”

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## LEAD EDITORIAL

# Filling in the gaps

*Before colleges begin to fund gap years, more information is needed on their effectiveness*

Tufts University recently launched a new program to fund students who want to take a gap year before starting their first year of college. The goal is to make the gap year experience more accessible to middle- to low-income students.

Tufts is not the first university to establish such a program. Princeton and the University of North Carolina already offer similar options. Gap years usually involve travel, though they don’t necessarily have to. They are more common in European countries, but since 2006, the number of students taking gap years in the United States has risen by about 20 percent.

Many experts claim that a gap year can give a student a stronger foundation for success, by giving him the opportunity to take a break from the competitive nature of high school and learn more about the world from a different perspective. However, the empirical data on the effects of gap years is conflicting. The U.S.

Department of Education’s National Center for Education Statistics conducted a study in 2005 that found students who did not enroll in college right after graduating from high school were less likely to earn a postsecondary education degree. But the American Gap Association points out that this study was not specific enough. Karl Haigler, a gap year researcher, studied a smaller group of students who explicitly planned to go to college after completing other goals for a one year period, and found that most of these students did return to school.

For those students who delayed college and did not attend at all, we should not necessarily discredit those decisions. College is not for everyone — taking a year off may be an opportunity to realize that you don’t in fact belong in the classroom. But if this is the case, such discoveries should not be financed by the colleges themselves, as the funding

would be better appropriated to students who already feel comfortable in academia and need financial help in order to get there.

The American Gap Association claims a gap year does equip a student with academic advantages during secondary education, citing a study that found students who took gap years had better GPAs in college than students of similar pre-college academic standing who did not take gap years. However, this does not necessarily mean that the gap year experience is the cause of a higher GPA. It could be that the students who are more inclined to take the gap year will do so because they already possess qualities — ambition, family support, organizational skills — which may also be useful in earning high GPA in college. Also, GPA is not the only measure of success in higher education.

This is not to say that taking a gap year is poor decision.

It can be a valuable experience for a student who may want a break from an academic schedule or may still be unsure of what area of study she wants to focus on in college. But programs like Tufts’ likely will not become a trend until more data about the effects of gap years is available, especially while public funding for higher education is decreasing.

More research is needed on the long-term effects of gap years on academic and professional careers before colleges start diverting funds to such programs. Arguments in support of gap years are largely subjective and very personalized. For some individuals they may be the right choice, but that doesn’t mean they will work for everyone. Gap years are undoubtedly valuable life experiences and great opportunities for a different kind of education, but for now, there is no reason to think that students cannot excel without them.

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*The Cavalier Daily has a responsibility to inform its readers rather than endorse student government candidates*

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Opinion Columnist

The University Board of Election (UBE) results were announced last week, and like many other clubs on grounds, The Cavalier Daily managing board took to the long-held practice of endorsing student government candidates. This tradition for our newspaper, despite its prevalence in national elections, needs to go.

For any given presidential or congressional election, voters have many news sources to choose from including newspapers that endorse both sides and newspapers that choose the path of objectivity. Even smaller-scale elections will feature an array of endorsements and non-endorsements. On the other hand, our student government elections have one newspaper with the responsibility of covering said elections.

There are other newspapers on grounds, but none of them besides The Cavalier Daily covered last week's elections. This monopoly The Cavalier Daily possesses over UBE coverage means that it has a duty to focus attention on the more significant elections that students must vote on. Although there is no

conclusive evidence that newspaper endorsements have a direct impact on political elections, this monopoly suggests that The Cavalier Daily may have more of an impact on voter sentiment than other newspapers may have. After all, of the contested races that the newspaper endorsed — Student Council Vice



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President of Administration election and College Honor representative elections — only one endorsed candidate of the six failed to get elected. But The Cavalier Daily has a duty to avoid subjectivity, as it is, for many students, the only source of election information.

This spring's elections didn't provide the best example of a strong election season — only 5,631 students, or 25 percent of the student body, voted. The low turnout was likely due to the large number of

uncontested races, as suggested by a recent Cavalier Daily news article. The article establishes the correlation between uncontested races and a lack of campaigning to reach out to voters. Therefore, for this spring in particular, an increase in uncontested races and decrease in campaigning puts more pressure on The Cavalier Daily to reach out to students, help increase voter turnout and provide objective information on the elections.

The February 24<sup>th</sup> special election edition did just that. It provided candidates' "Yes or No" responses to pressing questions as well as "Man on the Street" questions with students' opinions on the elections. Yet, besides the front page and second page introductions to certain elections, the only in-depth opinions of the candidates could be found in the editorial page's endorsements. It would be more beneficial for voters to provide convincing arguments for each candidate rather than give a one-sided endorsement. Then, students can assess the validity of each argument and form an educated opinion on the candidate to whom they will give their vote.

As Howell Raines, former executive editor of the New York Times suggests in a 2000 NY Times article, editorial endorsements are "not an attempt to dictate to the reader what he ought to do"; rather, they are meant to stimulate a "civic dialogue." Still, when that discussion starts as a lopsided argument for particular candidates, it does not give a fair representation of the election race in order to create such a dialogue. It is for this reason and others that the USA Today and the Wall Street Journal, two of the three most circulated newspapers in America — and if you go by print, the two most circulated — do not generally endorse candidates for political elections.

In a 2012 editorial before the presidential election, the USA Today managing board decided not to endorse candidates, instead encouraging voters to "stay true to your convictions" and "vote for the candidates who you believe will respect the voters' choice and govern" rather than "shout from the ideological ramparts." Perhaps the Wall Street Journal and USA Today feel that endorsing candidates creates a sense of distrust among readership due to the vast array of political affiliations that reads each newspaper.

Another qualm I have with student government endorsements is the personal bias to which they are subject. Students are more likely to vote for a candidate if they have a personal connection to him or her, and this has the possibility of unfairly swaying an endorsement. I am not suggesting that this is the case for every endorsement, yet it is an important factor to consider, especially on a college campus in which many are bound to know someone involved in student government.

One way to avoid endorsements yet still provide a solid editorial, besides enlisting the help of opinions from all points of view, could be to publish which organizations have endorsed each candidate. This is an effective way to inform candidates of endorsements while still maintaining a sense of objectivity toward students. These other endorsements, along with a variety of opinions involving the more contested races, could be a proper substitution for endorsements and ensure The Cavalier Daily can inform readers in the appropriate way.

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## Facts first, opinions second

*Columnists should be expected to ground their opinions in facts we can all agree on*

**Christopher Broom**  
Public Editor

I cannot, obviously, be certain about how other readers of The Cavalier Daily feel when they read the paper. However, I do try, as a part of my role, to consider more than just how I feel and what I think. To that end, reading the comments online and occasional discussion and emails with other readers is helpful. I have written in the past hoping that online commenters would engage more substantially with the content of The Cavalier Daily, and I continue to think the ability to comment is a strong element of the digital presence of the paper. No, not all of the comments are helpful or useful, but one can move right past online comments if that's the case. Sometimes, though, I am fairly confident that others must share my basic reaction to some pieces in the paper. In reading one recent Opinion piece, I simply felt lectured.

In the midst of a handful of Opinion columns that generated a lot of reaction online and caused more than a bit of controversy, one op-ed in particular struck me.

Russell Bogue and Ashley Spinks, Opinion Editors for The Cavalier Daily, and Dani Bernstein, a Senior Associate Editor for The Cavalier Daily, wrote "The marketplace of ideas," in which they defended running a piece calling for the end of the Women, Gender and Sexuality major at the University. Cavalier Daily Opinion writers were described as courageous for attaching their names to potentially unpopular opinions. And then possible bias (who among us has no bias, we're asked) and being uninformed (we're likewise asked who among us hasn't expressed uninformed opinions or spoken from a limited perspective) are essentially packaged up as a part of that courage, making it feel as though we readers are told to give the brave opinion writers a pass on any errors. How can any of us criticize anything an Opinion writer has to say if we are accused of assailing a brave person doing nothing different than something everyone has done?

Another point from the "Marketplace" column: "They're fellow students who don't deserve hate or abuse from anyone in our community. When we disagree with them — as we should, at times — we

should do so openly and respectfully. There is no place in higher education for the vitriol and slander that have accompanied various columns on our website." It is important for the staff of The Cavalier Daily to remember that their readers are not just students, and not just people who are participating in the teaching and learning portions of higher education. Even among



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just the local community, University staff and Charlottesville locals read the paper. The digital platform is growing (and improving, generally), and it is clear when an article has hit the internet and is attracting notice from other places. Part

of the issue with some of the recent Opinion pieces is that the writers are unable or unwilling to step out of their own experience and understanding of the world and consider others' perspectives, experiences or realities. Remembering that the Opinion columns in The Cavalier Daily are not written only for fellow students would be a good thing.

The other main idea put forth in the "marketplace" column is that factual inaccuracy is the only reason aside from libel to decline to run an Opinion piece. This sounds like a good practice. But facts unmoored from any context don't help illuminate a discussion, nor do they help inform a reader. Further, in the case of Ben Rudgley's column, there were, as noted in the "marketplace" piece, "very few fact-based claims." He wasn't factually inaccurate because he didn't base his column on facts.

Yet we're supposed to take his conclusions and prescriptions seriously? How can one call for actions in the world without grounding those actions in some truth upon which we can all agree?

I am not calling on The Cavalier Daily not to run columns. But to characterize all of the columns as brave, to chastise commenters for over-the-top responses at times and to call into question the standing of anyone to question bias or point out what appear to be uninformed opinions seems to me to be chilling to the very discussion the Opinion writers seek to generate. It isn't a matter of not running a column, it's a matter of doing a better job crafting the column so that it has a basis people can agree on before offering opinions about which people will, of course, differ. If the discussion is about the opinions, while starting from a shared understanding of the facts in play, I believe the discussion will be better.

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# Bossy and proud

*Rather than banning the word “bossy,” women should embrace it*

Sheryl Sandberg, COO of Facebook, launched a campaign called “Ban Bossy” through her Lean In Foundation last week.

The concept is that the word “bossy” should be off limits to eliminate the negative connotations the word “bossy” has when applied to women. While I agree that female bosses often are referred to as bossy, I disagree there is a negative connotation associated with the gender-neutral word.

Some traits associated with bossiness are leadership, boldness and assertiveness, and there is nothing wrong with possessing any of those traits. If these traits characterize a person as bossy, then it makes sense they’d be the boss, since both male and female leaders, especially bosses, require skills like those to operate businesses. Being bossy does not hold you back in the business world. In fact it helps, since it is necessary to be assertive and to be able to tell people what to do. Conversely, being rude, cruel or forcing people to do things they are not comfortable with makes one

an unsuccessful leader. Those things are associated with poor leadership, not bossiness, and none of those character flaws should come to mind when one thinks of the word bossy.

Sandberg explained the meaning of the campaign in an interview, “We know that by middle school, more boys than girls want to lead...and if you ask girls why they don’t want to lead, whether it’s the school project all the way on to running for office, they don’t want to be called bossy, and they don’t want to be disliked.”

There is nothing wrong with caring about what people think, to an extent. Leaders should inspire and have admirers, but not all will admire them, and being easily offended is not a quality a leader can have. Being a leader means dealing with opposition and being called words much worse than bossy. It is unfortunate that young girls are uncomfortable being called bossy, but they’ll have to learn to deal with that and much worse as they grow up. Eliminating the word to keep the young girls sheltered from opposition early on

is counterproductive.

There are worse words to be called on a playground. Not only was I told I was bossy when I was younger, but boys teased my friends and I, calling us “stupid,” “jerks” and “gross”. I think at that point in our lives these words were meant to be terms of endearment. Regardless, I can’t say we let any of those bother us enough to keep us from succeeding in school or taking on leadership roles later in life.

The Pew Research Center shows women of all ages are less likely than men to ask for raises or aspire to top management jobs, however, I don’t believe being called bossy at a young age is the root of this problem. Women lacking ambition shows a lack of courage and assertiveness — character traits we do not want to discourage. So please, continue to call us bossy, and don’t make the word seem negative by banning it. Instead we should be embracing it, redefining the word bossy

and making it empowering. Women should be authoritative and bold. Women should not be afraid to prove themselves as equals in the working world.

We can’t argue women are strong and equal to men and then show a seemingly crippling sensitivity to an innocuous word. Though the word bossy can be meant as an insult, we shouldn’t ban it, but instead reinvent it. Let’s prove that we are not easily offended or insecure and that

them at a young age from potentially mean words, we should teach them how to be poised and not falter at such pointless name calling.

Let’s not “ban bossy,” but instead face the real problem. We have to begin accepting women leaders more readily and recognize that gender does not define good leadership — ability does. We should empower young female leaders by providing them with more exposure to strong, talented female leaders. We should promote books like Tina Fey’s Bossypants, where Fey writes how being the boss is never easy and how criticism and opposition are all part of leadership, but how she succeeds by not letting words get to her.

All leaders, regardless of gender, face opposition and name calling. If their leadership skills make them “bossy,” then so be it. Leaders have been called worse. Though I think this word banning campaign is silly, if Sandberg really wants to ban a demeaning word associated with female leaders, I can think of a better B word.

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**MEREDITH BERGER**  
Opinion Columnist



**Though the word bossy can be meant as an insult, we shouldn’t ban it, but instead reinvent it. Let’s prove that we are not easily offended or insecure and that as women a word cannot affect us.”**

as women a word cannot affect us. I don’t believe the word itself is that offensive, but for those who do, fight it not by banning it but by proving you are above it. The “sticks and stones” saying is an important lesson for young girls. Words can’t and shouldn’t hurt them. Instead of sheltering

# Peace, love and family

*The most valuable aspect of our undergraduate experience is investing in the people around us*

**Marymagdaline Onyango**  
Guest Viewpoint

So, I went home this weekend. Going home for a lot of people is good for the soul, but this weekend, for me, it was even better for the soul. It was almost magical — probably because I know, with graduation looming upon us, moments at home become even more invaluable. As we are embarking on our next journey as fourth-years, we are beginning to realize what and — most importantly — who brings us the most value. As I was driving home, I began to think about what the word family meant, and I began to reflect on the interconnectedness of traditional family, friend family, University family and how we are all interwoven.

Family isn’t just about treasuring friendships, but rather about the ways in which our family constitutes many differ-

ent factions of people who do not always include the members of the “traditional” family. Some of the best moments I’ve had at the University and in my life have been sitting in my apartment, on the floor of my living room, chatting, laughing, dancing, eating, debating, listening, crying and playing games with people who give me value and



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whom I bring value to as well.

There comes a time in our university life in which the people we see every day — our

going-out friends, study buddies, etc. — become a larger web or link in our families. They become the people you entrust with information, the people you run to when you receive great news and the people you want to share life’s hilarious moments with. As life begins to pull us in different directions, it’s important to take the time to invest in those people we value.

When you speak to the average first-year, one of her first worries tends to be, “will I make friends?” Everyone back home tells her that her lifelong friends come from college, and then she laments and says, “but I haven’t met mine yet!” When you’re a first-year, it sometimes seems like everyone around you has met those people, except you.

Then years go by and throughout your time at the University, somehow it just happens, and you meet those people. By the time you get to fourth year, it’s weird to even look back at your first-year self and think about those worries that seem minuscule today.

As members of the graduating Class of 2014, our time here as undergraduates is slowly dwindling, and while it’s fun to reminisce, it’s sad to realize that this journey is coming to an end. What makes it wonderful to be moving on is not just our accomplishments as students; it’s that although our physical presence may be leaving the University, the people we’ve met — the people we value — are going to be with us, even after we walk the Lawn for the final time as undergraduates. Sometimes as fourth-years we worry and say things like “who will I really speak to after we graduate?” but then I remember how we felt as

first-years, scared about making our lifelong friends, and somehow it all worked out. Three years later we’re wondering how we ever lived without those people we thought we would never meet. I think it will be the same thing for post-graduation, three years from now, at Young Alumni Reunions, Black Alumni Reunions, Homecomings, etc. We’ll wonder why we were ever worried about something like that.

So, enjoy every moment with these people who have become a part of your personal family, show them love. If you haven’t realized who those people are, there is still time; if you have, know that it may change, but invest in the people who you love to be around now. These moments are precious.

*Marymagdaline Onyango is a Fourth Year Trustee.*



# Republican obstructionism

*The lack of progress in Congress should be blamed primarily on the Republican Party*

**Ben Rudgely**  
Viewpoint Writer

We hear the phrase “partisan gridlock,” and we naturally assume that it is a product of both Democrats and Republicans’ failures to find common ground and enter the negotiation table. The reasonable and balanced thing to do, we assume, is to distribute blame equally between the two parties. This view, however, is both misguided and misinformed and, upon further scrutiny of recent legislative impasses, we must realize that that Republicans should bear most of the responsibility for gridlock.

However, sometimes the common explanation of legislative logjam on Capitol Hill rings true; indeed, the narrative that there are fewer moderates open to compromise in both parties is a political reality — in a powerful move, moderate Sen. Olympia Snowe (R-ME) announced her retirement in 2012 for this precise reason. Sometimes it’s even the case that President Obama and congressional Democrats have pushed through legislation without real, substantive negotiation with Republicans. A particularly poignant example of this came when the President’s signature health law, the Affordable Care Act, passed upon strictly partisan lines (not a single Republican in either chamber voted for the bill).

It must be understood, however, that many Americans’ assignment of responsibility to both parties in roughly equal measure for the crisis of partisan gridlock ignores the potential for one-party obstructionism in America’s unique system of checks and bal-

then has not been to pursue, or help along, a bipartisan legislative agenda that can help boost the economy and help the American people. The GOP leadership have thus prioritized partisan opposition to President Obama ahead of improving the nation they have been elected to serve.

Republican hyper-partisanship and obstructionism has extended beyond disturbing rhetoric. Senate Republicans have used filibusters to such a gross extent that they have broken records in ob-

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**Let’s swallow the hard truth that one party puts in its partisan, electoral objectives ahead of bipartisan, popular reform that the American people want and need from their elected representatives.”**

ances. It also betrays a failure to engage with many of the biggest legislative news stories in recent years in a critical way.

The long pernicious history of Republican obstructionism began with the historic election of America’s first African-American president. The Republican leadership of Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) and House Majority Leader Eric Cantor (R-VA) has echoed Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) when he said in an interview with the *National Journal*: “The single most important thing we want to achieve is for President Obama to be a one-term president.” Republicans’ principal goal since 2009

structionism: GOP filibustering has helped the 112th Congress become one of the least productive in history, passing a mere 561 bills (the lowest number since these records started even being kept in 1947) and contributing to its deserved label of a do-nothing, dysfunctional Congress. Admittedly, conservatism is predicated on passing fewer laws and slowing change, but this kind of legislative impotence is unacceptable in an era of manifold public policy challenges (among these are a still rebounding economy, energy dependence, an ever-degrading environment and a broken immigration system). From 2009-2010, Senate Repub-

licans blocked some 375 House bills from ever even reaching a vote. In shocking displays of partisanship, Republicans actually blocked votes on bills that would fund states’ efforts to help low-income children attain access to critical eye examinations (the Vision Care for Kids Act) or help treat elder victims of psychological or physical abuse (the Elder Abuse Victims Act). The GOP’s historic abuse of the filibuster culminated in Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) having to use the historic nuclear option to end cloture votes on presidential nominees.

Furthermore, instead of using their time to pass bipartisan bills to serve the American people, the House has initiated almost 50 utterly futile, purely symbolic attempts to repeal Obamacare. Not only are Republicans wasting oceans of ink and forests of paper on these meaningless and always hopelessly unsuccessful repeal efforts, they are also wasting time that could otherwise be spent trying to legislate on behalf of the constituents they represent. GOP lawmakers do this all as part of a hollow attempt to dismantle and reverse the effects of a law rooted in the Heritage Foundation’s proposal, in the late 1980s, for an individual mandate in health care that would later be a hallmark of Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney’s health care law for his state.

Following the Senate’s biparti-

san comprehensive immigration reform bill, GOP aversion to positive, substantive action reared its ugly head. With immigration, Speaker Boehner (R-OH), in a plainly partisan manner, didn’t even let comprehensive immigration reform have a vote in the House. Scarily, Republicans’ position on the wrong side of public opinion in critical issues like immigration (74 percent of polled Americans believe that America either needs to completely rebuild its immigration system or make major changes to it) is working for them, in an electoral sense, so long as they maintain their virulent obstructionism. This way, those who don’t delve beyond news headlines will be seduced by the idea that congressional Democrats are just as much to blame for the devastating legislative gridlock and that President Obama is a lame-duck, ineffective, partisan chief executive.

So let’s abandon the narrative that lazily assigns equal blame to both parties for a dysfunctional Congress and swallow the hard truth that one party puts its partisan, electoral objectives ahead of bipartisan, popular reform that the American people want and need from their elected representatives.

*Ben Rudgely is a Viewpoint Writer.*

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

The March 6, 2014 article in *The Cavalier Daily* regarding the percentage of Honor offense reports filed against minority students sets forth a view by the Honor Committee Chair as follows:

“Speaking to the possible causes of higher reporting against minorities, Berhle pinpointed three distinct problems: a lack of understanding among international students, spotlighting of minority offenses and dimming of offenses committed by white students.”

The Chairman’s comment regarding “spotlighting” and “dimming” is at best a disingenuous assessment of the cause of the problem. The discrepancies are what they are: disproportion-

ate suspected Honor offenses observed and reported to the Honor Committee. The notion that somehow faculty and others reporting Honor offenses are discriminating against minorities is a foolish and misguided assumption. Maintaining the Honor System at the University requires an ongoing educational effort amongst entering students and vigorous reporting of the outcome of Honor trials to ensure that the student body is well aware of the ongoing effort to combat violations of the Honor Code in a fair, unbiased and equitable manner.

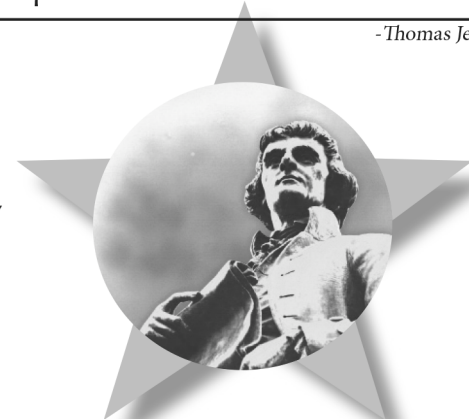
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*-Thomas Jefferson*

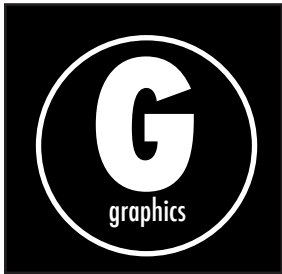
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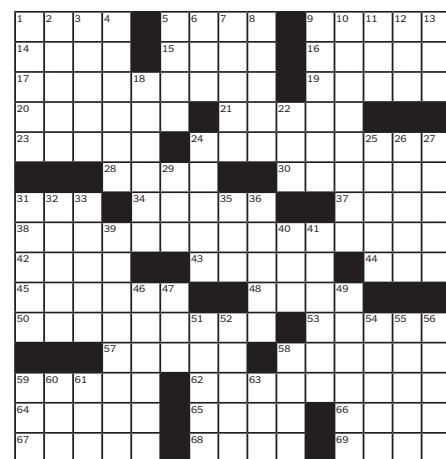
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  - 15 \_\_\_-bitty
  - 16 Goes like a racecar
  - 17 Item accompanying a pencil in miniature golf
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  - 20 Judging component at a beauty pageant
  - 21 Face-to-face exams
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  - 24 Money available for nonessentials
  - 28 Poet Ogden
  - 30 Hawaiian medicine man
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  - 42 See 33-Down
  - 43 Hotel robe material
  - 44 Cloud's place
  - 45 Samantha's mother on "Bewitched"
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  - 58 The Last Frontier state
  - 59 Beginning of a Flintstones cry
  - 62 Gym locale ... or feature of 17-, 24-, 38- and 50-Across
  - 64 Premature
  - 65 Elvis's middle name
  - 66 Many a new driver
  - 67 High heels, e.g.
  - 68 It's often long at Disneyland
  - 69 Dinner scraps
- DOWN**
- 1 Does some light housework
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  - 9 Red or pink bloom
  - 10 Second-in-command in a kitchen
  - 11 Junior, to Senior
  - 12 CPR expert
  - 13 Leaky tire sound
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  - 22 Noah's construction
  - 24 Position between second and third, informally
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  - 27 Quickly made, as a decision
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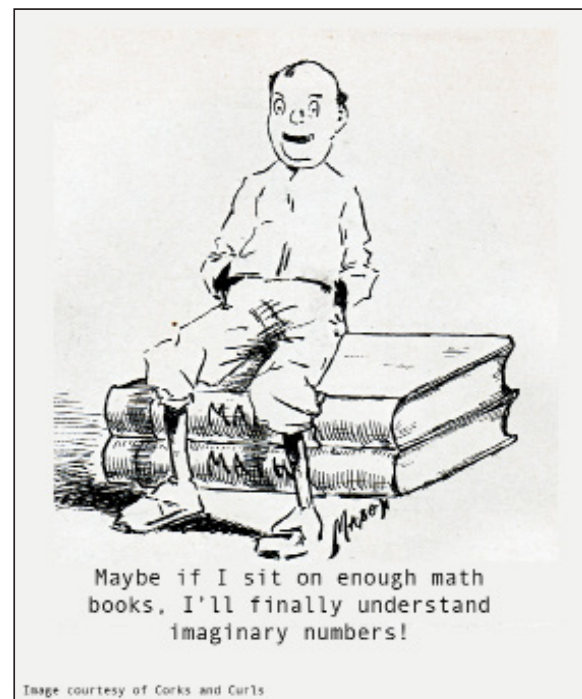
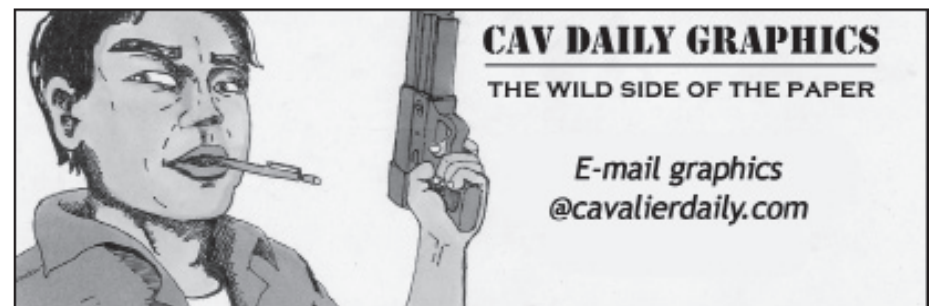
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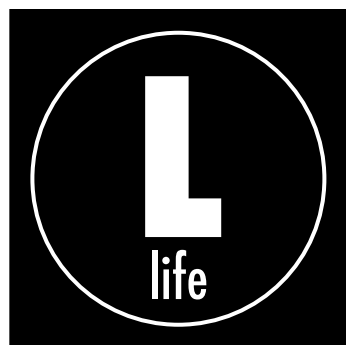
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- 39 So darned cute
- 40 \_\_\_ pro nobis
- 41 \_\_\_ Beach, S.C.
- 46 Pass-the-baton events
- 47 Fortunate card to have with a queen or king in blackjack
- 49 Makeshift shelter
- 51 Out of town?
- 52 Cheri formerly of "S.N.L."
- 54 Fall bloomer
- 55 Sport with clay pigeons
- 56 Makes, as wages
- 58 Proactiv target
- 59 "You betcha!"
- 60 Response to a massage
- 61 Preppy, party-loving, egotistical male, in modern lingo
- 63 Swindle

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# Ethiopian Student Union brings aid to Africa

*Organization raises awareness, funds for Ethiopian Rural Hospital Initiative*

**Danaite Soquar**  
Feature Writer

After most students set off for Spring Break March 7, members of the Ethiopian Student Union stayed behind in Charlottesville to raise money for the Ethiopian Rural Hospital Initiative.

ESU is a cultural and service-oriented student group which aims to bring attention to health disparities in rural regions of Ethiopia and other developing nations.

"I think there is a definite shortage of health care and a great need to improve the access of care for many rural communities in Ethiopia," second-year

College student Jerusalem Mekonnen said. "Continued support is vital for progress concerning the issue."

For their initiative, ESU executive members researched rural regions in Ethiopia and contacted prospective hospitals to form a partnership. Hiwot Fana Specialized University Hospital in the Harar region responded eagerly to ESU's interest in purchasing a phototherapy unit for the hospital.

The initiative extends beyond the University community, partnering in their efforts with the chapter at Virginia Commonwealth University.

ESU President Dawit Ayalew, a fourth-year College student,

stressed the importance of accomplishing more than just monetary goals.

"With this project, we aimed to not only raise money for a medical device but also solidarity, and [we wanted to] bring a global perspective [on] issues that pertain to health care to the larger University community," Ayalew said.

Ethiopian Student Union plans to use the money from several fundraising events to fund a Draeger Photo-Therapy 4000 device to tackle neonatal jaundice, an illness developed by infants who cannot process red blood cells in their livers. The ultraviolet treatment prevents potential hearing loss, brain damage and

infant mortality.

The initiative comes at a steep price — \$7,300 to purchase and install. The ESU has raised roughly \$3,500 in the past two years and hopes to meet their goal by the end of this academic year.

ESU has employed different strategies to raise the money — everything from selling football concessions to bar nights and co-sponsorships with other student organizations.

With graduation looming, Ayalew aims to create ensure ESU has a presence in the University for years to come.

"I hope ESU grows to become an organization that brings to light the amazing cultural di-

versity that exists on Grounds," Ayalew said. "An organization — through collaborations and co-sponsorships — is able to break down cultural stigmas for a University culture that embraces cultural diversity and engagement in the discussion of social and political matters affecting our university and world alike."

ESU Vice President Edel Tessema, a third-year College student, said ESU hopes to continue networking their mission outside Grounds and establish similar missions at other universities.

"ERHI was initially a pilot mission, so other ESUs at other schools can join," Tessema said. "We hope it becomes a pattern other schools can catch onto."

# Adversity unlocks 'Hidden' talent

*Medical condition inspires first-year student to publish his first novel*

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First-year College student Schuyler Ebersol did not have a normal high school experience. For three years he suffered from Autonomic Neuropathy, a nerve disorder brought on by Lyme's Disease, which rendered him unable to walk or attend school. To fill his time, he began writing.

"I wrote to escape from [my illness]," Ebersol said. "Writing is just as fun as reading a book, playing a video game or watching a movie. I can control what happens."

Ebersol wrote what later became his first novel, "The Hidden World," during the medical leave of absence which excused him from his sophomore and junior years of high school. The main character in the novel is adopted into a wealthy family

and leads a privileged life. Ebersol said his protagonist emulates components his own life was lacking at the time.

"The qualities of the main character are the opposite of me and my life in that period," Ebersol said. "I made my main character do things I couldn't do. He was popular and good at sports and I was never good at sports [because of my illness.]"

Furthermore, Ebersol characterizing his protagonist as having grown up in a privileged environment with no traumatic life circumstances.

"I was very frustrated growing up reading books with characters all with bad backgrounds," Ebersol said. "Why can't they have a good life?"

Ebersol, after finishing his novel, decided to get it published. It took him eight months to find an agent and a year and a half to see the novel hit the stands. The

tedious process did not deter him from writing additional novels, though.

"I've started over 50 books — five to 50 pages, anywhere in between," Ebersol said. "I know it's the right idea when I'm able to keep writing it."

Ebersol has written four additional novels and is 150 pages into his next project. Most of his stories take place in the realm of science fiction and fantasy.

"When I grew up, the biggest and most important literature to me was Harry Potter," Ebersol said. "I wrote what I wanted to read. If you like Harry Potter, I think you would like something like this."

Ebersol's friend, first-year College student Will Chisom, read his novel during Winter Break.

"I read it in a day and a half and I looked forward to reading it every time I picked it up," Chisom said. "If I didn't know

he wrote it, I would've thought a grown man did."

Ebersol's writing accomplishments have also impressed others.

"When I tell people [I'm an author], they're impressed and they ask me, 'Why did you even go to college?'" Ebersol said. "I'm interested in a lot of different things. I don't just want to be an author."

Between fraternity pledging and schoolwork, Ebersol said he only has time to write two to three times a week for a half hour or so — not as much as he would like.

"My illness seriously impacted me — I didn't have a life or friends," Ebersol said. "It put everything into serious perspective. Nothing is more important than health and now that I have that, I appreciate little things like being able to walk and hang with friends."



Courtesy Schuyler Ebersol

First-year College student Schuyler Ebersol published his first novel during a medical leave of absence in high school and has written four additional novels.



The Ethiopian Student Union has conducted various fundraisers to raise money for a phototherapy unit, which they plan to donate to the Hiwot Fana Specialized University Hospital in rural Ethiopia.

Courtesy Nahom Goba

# LOVE CONNECTION: what about LOVE

Friendship is easy, lust is even easier,  
but love is really hard to find

Allie Griswold and Alexander Stock  
Love Gurus



ALEX

Courtesy Alex Stock

1. *Two people can experience the same date very differently.* Remember Joe and Jessica? Joe beamed, "I was certainly getting my flirt on. ... From the start we walked arm-in-arm," while Jessica wasn't so optimistic. She lamented that "He made me link my arm and that made me uncomfortable, because I don't like being touched, especially by someone I don't really know." Many relationships can end on this basis of failed communication. While the first date may not be the time to give each other a frank appraisal of how you feel, that time will come and when it does, honesty can help to avoid some of the painstakingly awkward experiences that have played out in Love Connection.

2. *Don't take your date to O'Hill.* Mediocre-at-best pizza, ridiculously long lines and Double-Swipe Dean do not set the tone for a romantic evening. When Gary

took Hanna to O'Hill in December, the date flopped. Hanna commented, "Because we were in O'Hill, it didn't feel very intimate. We both saw our friends, and the big TV screen was pretty distracting. After dinner, we walked out and said goodbye at the bottom." Splurging a few Plus Dollars at The Chop House does not count as romantic, boys.

3. *Take this opportunity!* Imagine if all through elementary school, high school and college, you had submitted papers and never gotten any grades or feedback. That is exactly how dating goes; feedback is non-existent to hazy and you never really know whether what you are doing is making you more or less attractive. This is probably the only time you will ever get honest, frank feedback on your first-date skills, so why not sign up?



ALLIE

Courtesy Allie Griswold

When I first started writing Love Connection in the fall of my second year, I couldn't wait for all the matches of true love that I was sure I was going to set up. I had seen almost every romantic comedy ever made, read every great love story and even researched some self-help love books, much to the amusement of my family. I thought for sure that in a couple years, chapel bells would be ringing for the weddings of my skillfully selected matches. As time and several horrific matches have proved, finding love is not as easy as movies may suggest. Dozens of matches later, here are some lessons I have learned that no romantic comedy could have taught me:

1. *There is no exact formula to love.* This realization has been one of the most difficult ones for me to grasp. I have tried to decompose, analyze and solve the mystery of love since the day I set up my first match. My attempts to work my experiences into a regression formula have been to no avail. The couple has to have enough things in common but not enough to

make them bored with each other. Differences in opinion over religion and politics can spark interesting conversation, or they can go horribly wrong. Though it is easy to set up two people who will get along well, it is much more challenging to create that elusive spark of love.

2. *First impressions matter.* Research shows that we form a steadfast judgment of a person almost immediately after meeting them. I doubted this at first, but to my surprise, I came to discover how true this is. In a post-date interview, I can usually tell how the date went in the first couple of questions. The first impressions people recount, whether good or bad, are often indicative of how they felt on the rest of the date. On Catherine and Brian's date, he claimed "I felt like she wasn't taking it seriously from the beginning," which was fairly representative of his final remarks that "it's very unlikely that we'll speak again." Other first impressions were considerably more positive. On Steve and Sarah's first date, Steve took the initiative to make a sign to identify his date. Sarah later comment-

ed, "My first impression was really good. ... I thought the sign was really sweet." She was "really impressed" throughout the date.

3. *University students are not as sneaky as they think they are.* Sending in Love Connection applications for their friends seems to be a favorite past time for University students. For a while, I wondered if it was on a secret list of 114 things to do before you graduate. You have to appreciate the dedicated schemers who create a new fake e-mail address to make it seem more legitimate, but it's hard to imagine someone legitimately responding to the question about deal breakers with: "None, I'm a man-whore." Of course, I always enjoy the not-so-persuasive emails pleading, "Please don't listen to Joe when he begs you not to match him. The world needs this to happen." The confused and occasionally hostile return texts usually indicate otherwise. As hilarious as many fake submissions are, I have learned that they cause more trouble than they're worth.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Who applies to Love Connection?

We get many, many more girls than boys. Taking a look at recent applications, we have roughly three girls for every boy. The overwhelming majority are undergraduate students, with a pretty even distribution across the years.

### How successful are the dates? How many actually form relationships?

The nature of dating is that most dates are going to flop, but we see at least a little chemistry as often as we could hope for. Some dates aren't quite as successful as we'd like, but some definitely work out! Karsten and Breanna, for example, rated the date a 9 and 9.5, respectively, after Karsten threw Breanna an elaborate picnic on the Lawn.

Then again, many remember Laura and Kurt. After getting accused of throwing two girls to the "wolves" for setting them up with Kurt, we have set a goal to find Kurt true, lasting love. With regard to relationships, it has

been tough sledding. We have yet to have a true, lasting relationship, but we're keeping our fingers crossed for that first love and maybe even a wedding!

### Why don't you do gay love connections?

Actually, we do! We did one in February 2013 between Bobby and Jason. There are two reasons, however, why you haven't seen more. First, in the post-date interview, both of the dates expressed the same sentiment: The community at the University that is openly LGBTQ and willing to have their sexuality in the paper is so small that they all already know each other. The second reason is simply a lack of applications. If you're interested, please send us a survey!

### What is the rating system like? What is considered a good rating?

Many of our dates wonder this and are nervous their rating will send the date the wrong

message. Your typical we-had-a-nice-friendly-time-but-no-sparks date will run about a 7. However, Bobby gave Jason a 0.1 on their date and Kurt and Laura exchanged 4s, while we have seen scores run as high as 9.5. If you need some advice on the score you are giving, we would reserve scores below 3 for being stood up, slobbered on or being taken to O'Hill. Dates in the 4 to 5 range are flops, but there was nothing screaming "disaster!" Dates ranked 6 or 7 are for those mediocre, unmemorable dates — maybe cheating toward 7 if you'd say "hi" passing each other on McCormick. Scoring an 8 is generally solid, while anything above 8 indicates sparks flying, lust in the air and (hopefully) a second date. There seems to be a fear of giving 10s, which we suppose means no date is perfect.

### Do you set people up other than undergrads?

We do! In recent months, we have set up several grad students, inspiring a notable increase in the number of female applicants.

Graduate boys, if you're looking for love, perhaps consider venturing a little closer to O'Hill and the AFC. We would also love to set up faculty or staff, so if your dreamy econ professor from last semester is longing for love, tell 'em to apply! If you also apply yourself, you might just find yourselves determining the marginal benefit of an additional date.

### How do you determine matches?

We are hardly experts in the field of love, but we do use a few metrics. Before assessing your self-worth on the attractiveness of your date, however, know that we make extensive use of compatibility on the following three questions, statistically proven by dating site OkCupid to be among the best predictors of compatibility:

Do you like horror movies?

Have you ever (or will you ever) travel to another country alone?

Wouldn't it be fun to chuck it all and go live on a sailboat?



# NETwork Against Malaria battles disease

*CIO sells bracelets to fund international efforts against malaria*

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Newly-founded student organization NETwork Against Malaria has been hard at work this semester fundraising for life-saving bed nets for children and pregnant women of rural Uganda.

"We're hoping for the success of the fundraising semester, and we hope we will be able to do more as an organization both on Grounds and in terms of [securing] a big check to send to the national organization," said group president Ben Rudgley, a second-year College student. "A principle goal is to turn this into an effective chapter that raises money each semester for a really good cause."

One of the group's first fundraising events on Grounds was selling hand-made bracelets. Members of NETwork Against Malaria presented to sororities and other groups on Grounds to sell the bracelets and generate interest in the group and its purpose.

"[A couple of] principles that the organization is founded on are self-sustaining resources and micro-finance [interactions] within these

women the nets are given to," said Grace Muth, a second-year College student and founder of the University's NETwork chapter. "[Ugandan women and children] make the beads for the bracelets and then they send them to us. We sell them and then get them the money to buy the nets."

Malaria is a cause of particular significance to Muth, whose interest in the subject piqued after she spent three months in Tanzania, an area that is adversely affected by the disease.

"I got an email about starting this club at U.Va. and I thought, 'This is totally something I want to get involved with because it's very close to my heart,'" Muth said.

Many of the group's members, though they may not have been to many of the African regions most affected by malaria, aspire to visit after having worked with the organization.

"[Traveling to Africa] is definitely something that I'm interested in doing, but there hasn't been an opportunity [yet]," Rudgley said.

Second-year College student David Vorona said the organization's goal this semester is mostly outreach. "We're teaming up with or co-

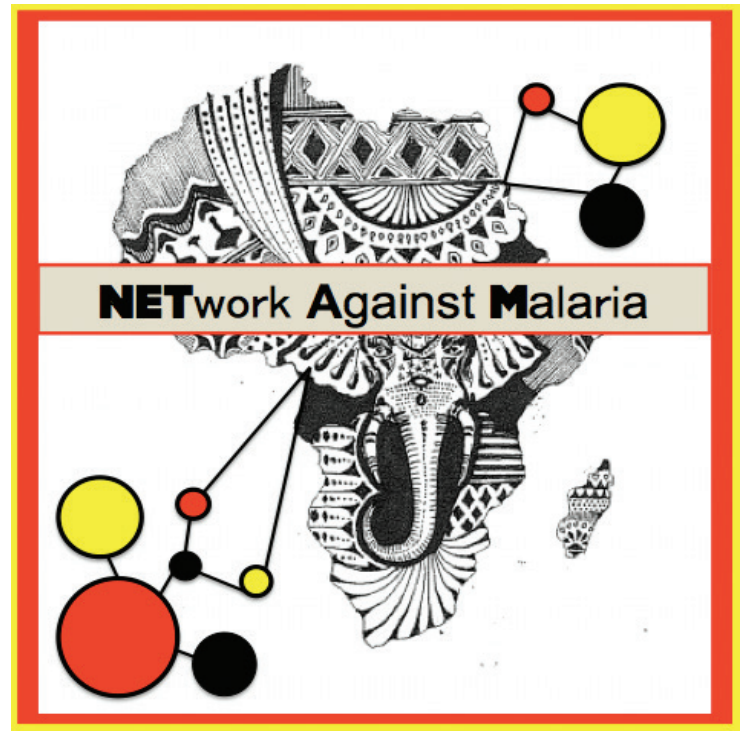
sponsoring larger organizations on Grounds," Vorona said. "Bracelets are a short-term investment. They will be used throughout our time at the University, but they won't be our primary source of revenue."

The national organization provides chapters with initial fundraising ideas and supplies to get started. After finishing their bracelet sales, the University chapter hopes to set up an event centered around World Malaria Day. They hope to join together with other student organizations and host one of their biggest fundraising events of the semester.

"We're going to get a bar night going on and get T-shirts," Muth said. "We're also hoping to partner with a couple of other organizations around Grounds during that time and hopefully be co-sponsored by other African-oriented CIOs."

Though the group just recently began its fundraising, results thus far have been successful. Members predict that with events later in the semester, they will raise a large portion of their overall monetary goal for the semester.

"[Fundraising is] going really well, it's super exciting," Muth said. "We've had really great feedback."



Courtesy Network against Malaria

Newly-formed student organization NETwork Against Malaria sells bracelets to raise money for life-saving bed nets for women and children of rural Uganda.

Both Muth and Rudgley are members of The Cavalier Daily staff. Neither were involved in the writing or editing process of this article.

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